

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 30, 2005, is believed to be fully responsive to the points of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

As a preliminary matter, Applicants note that a supplemental IDS is being submitted herewith for two US Patent Applications. Entry of the Supplemental IDS and consideration of the references cited therein is respectfully requested.

Turning to the claims, Claims 1-24 and 26-28 are pending. Claim 25 is cancelled above. Claim 24 is amended above. Claim 24 has been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 3,566,669 (Lawrence). Claims 1-23 have been allowed. The Examiner indicated that Claims 25-28 contained allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the claims.

Claims 1-23 have been allowed. Claim 24 has been amended to include the additional recitation of original claim 25. Claim 25 has been cancelled, and Claims 26-28 depend from Claim 24. In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending Claims 1-24 and 26-28 are in condition for allowance.

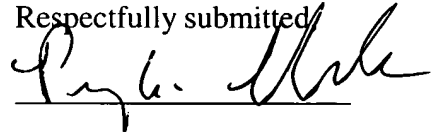
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Please charge all applicable fees associated with the submittal of this Amendment and any other fees applicable to this application to the Assignee's Deposit Account No. 07-0868.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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